

“When to compost?”

Dear Adam and Eve,

I was preparing for Thanksgiving and a visiting relative commented how I shouldn't be using my garbage disposal so much but put lots of those things in the trash or compost. I like my garbage disposal-just spent a lot of money on a new one; and, I don't want to compost!

Signed, Turkey Stuff

Dear Turkey,

Generally speaking, non meat and non dairy and minimum fat can be used for composting. (I know you're not interested in composting, but maybe someday?) Meat, dairy and fat can be put in the trash; however, the risk is attracting rodents, i.e. rats!

Now, what to do: You can't make your Uncle Louie clean his plate and nobody is going to eat those turkey bones. So, where to put that turkey carcass and, what to do with the plate scrapings, apple peelings, egg shells, coffee grounds, etc!

There is no perfect answer but maybe a better one. On the one hand, consider garbage disposals: uses additional water, and increases sewage and added sewage treatment. Now, consider putting in trash: compostable foods at home can also compost at Trash Mountain and non compostable foods will feed the huge flocks of birds at Trash Mtn.

So, put a tight lid on your garbage can to keep out the varmints and send food stuff to Trash Mtn. Or compost.

Remember . . . **Re-Think! Reduce! Re-Use! Recycle!**

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